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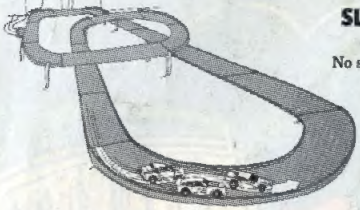

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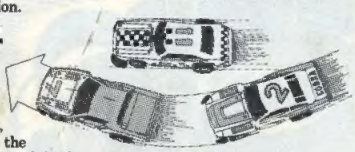

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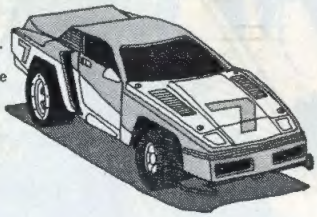

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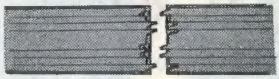

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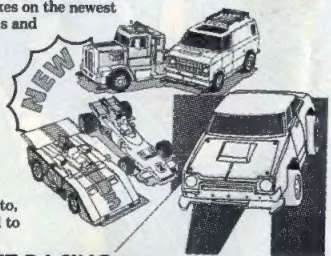


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--BUT TO THE DARK-CLAD FIGURE SWINGING HIGH AMONG THE MOONLIT TOWERS, IT IS JUST ANOTHER WORKING NIGHT--ANOTHER NIGHT OF THE TIRELESS HUNT!
ORPHANED AS A CHILD WHEN HIS PARENTS WERE KILLED BEFORE HIS EYES, BRUCE WAYNE TRAINED HIMSELF TO WAGE RELENTLESS WAR AGAINST CRIME AS THE DREAD AVENGER OF THE NIGHT...
CREATED BY: BOB KANE
THE BATMAN
OF ALL THE UNLIKELY NIGHTS FOR THE BATMAN TO COME PASSING BY MY WINDOW--!
I SHOULD CALL OUT TO HIM-- BEG HIM TO PROTECT ME --BUT IT'S TOO LATE! THE BATMAN CANNOT HELP ME!
I DOUBT THAT EVEN GOD CAN HELP ME NOW!
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I MADE A DEAL WITH A MODERN-DAY DEVIL, THEN ATTEMPTED TO RENEGE--AND NOW I'M GOING TO HAVE TO SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!
I'VE BARRICADED THE DOOR--BUT I'M AFRAID THAT WON'T KEEP HIM OUT FOR LONG!
IF THAT MONSTER WANTS ME--HE'S GOING TO GET ME!
THEN, SUDDENLY--
THOOM! THOOM! THOOM!
--THE FRIGHTENED FIGURE'S UNWITTING PROPHECY BECOMES TERRIFYING TRUTH!
WHOOM!
C-COME IN! I'VE BEEN ...EXPECTING YOU!
I-I'VE CHANGED MY MIND SINCE LAST WE SPOKE! I'M WILLING TO GO AHEAD WITH OUR CONTRACT AS AGREED!
IT'S FAR TOO LATE FOR THAT NOW, I'M AFRAID!
JACOB RIKER, YOU ATTEMPTED TO BETRAY MISTER FREEZE!!
--AND YOU ARE GOING TO PAY FOR THAT INDISCRETION--
WITH YOUR MEANINGLESS LIFE!
PLEASE--I'LL DO ANYTHING --ANYTHING!!
WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME?
I WANT TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF YOU, RIKER-- TO SERVE AS A WARNING TO THE REST OF MY CLIENTELE!
AND JACOB RIKER'S FINAL SCREAM IS SHRILL BUT MERCIFULLY BRIEF!
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THE TOWERING WAYNE FOUNDATION BUILDING, LATE THE FOLLOWING AFTERNOON..
HERE, IN HIS GLEAMING, WELL-APPOINTED OFFICE, THE FOUNDATION'S NOTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD SITS HUNCHED OVER HIS WORK, CAREFULLY STUDYING DOCUMENTS WHICH COULD AFFECT THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS...
IT IS NOT AN EASY JOB, AND BRUCE WAYNE TAKES IT SERIOUSLY. ONE DAY A WEEK, HE LOCKS HIMSELF AWAY TO GIVE IMPORTANT MATTERS HIS UNDIVIDED ATTENTION--
--AND HEAVEN HELP ANYONE WHO DARES TO DISTURB HIM!
GWEN, YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER! I TOLD YOU I WAS NOT TO BE BOTHERED!
PLEASE! DON'T BLAME YOUR SECRETARY.
I LET MYSELF IN.
WHO--?
HELLO, BRUCE. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.
YOU--?!?
SELINA KYLE... THE CATWOMAN!!
DO YOU MIND IF I SIT DOWN, BRUCE?
PLEASE DO. I SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT I COULD STOP YOU.
IS THERE ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR THAT BRINGS THE INFAMOUS QUEEN OF THE CATS HERE TO SEE ME?
YOU NEEDN'T BE SO COLD, BRUCE.
AND I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU DIDN'T KEEP CALLING ME THE CATWOMAN --
WHY NOT?
--BECAUSE I AM THE CATWOMAN NO LONGER!
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I'VE BEEN PAROLED, BRUCE--AND I INTEND TO DO SOMETHING POSITIVE WITH MY LIFE. THAT'S WHY I'VE COME TO YOU... BECAUSE OF OUR OLD ACQUAINTANCESHIP...
...AND BECAUSE I HAVE SOME MONEY I'D LIKE TO INVEST IN WAYNE ENTERPRISES.
I SEE--
--BUT I'M AFRAID WE DON'T MAKE A PRACTICE OF LAUNDERING DIRTY MONEY, MS. KYLE!
BELIEVE ME, BRUCE, THE MONEY IS CLEAN -- THE REMAINS OF AN OLD INHERITANCE.
AND PLEASE... CALL ME SELINA.
LOOK, ASSUMING THE MONEY IS HONEST, IT STILL WOULDN'T BE RIGHT FOR THE COMPANY'S IMAGE TO ACCEPT--
YOUR IMAGE?!? WHAT ABOUT MY LIFE??
I'VE PAID MY DEBT TO SOCIETY, MISTER! DON'T I HAVE ANY RIGHTS ANYMORE?
I'VE MADE YOU A SINCERE OFFER! ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE IT?
SHE HAS A POINT...
IF I REJECT HER OFFER WITHOUT GIVING HER A CHANCE, AND SHE ENDS UP RETURNING TO HER LIFE OF CRIME--
--WON'T I BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SOMETHING I MIGHT'VE BEEN ABLE TO PREVENT?
ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY CHOICE!
ALL RIGHT, MS. KYLE--YOUR OFFER IS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.
I PROMISE YOU WON'T REGRET IT.
AND, BRUCE, THE NAME IS STILL SELINA.
I'LL LET YOU GET BACK TO YOUR WORK NOW, BUT I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THE SPECIFIC AREAS OF INVESTMENT.
SAY OVER DINNER SOME NIGHT NEXT WEEK?
I THINK I'D LIKE THAT...
... SELINA.
BRUCE WAYNE SITS SILENTLY WATCHING AS SELINA KYLE SLINKS GRACEFULLY OUT OF THE ROOM, A WISTFUL SMILE PLAYING AT THE CORNERS OF HER MOUTH...
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## Introducing the Model 788 BB Scout... Crosman's new youth pump rifle!

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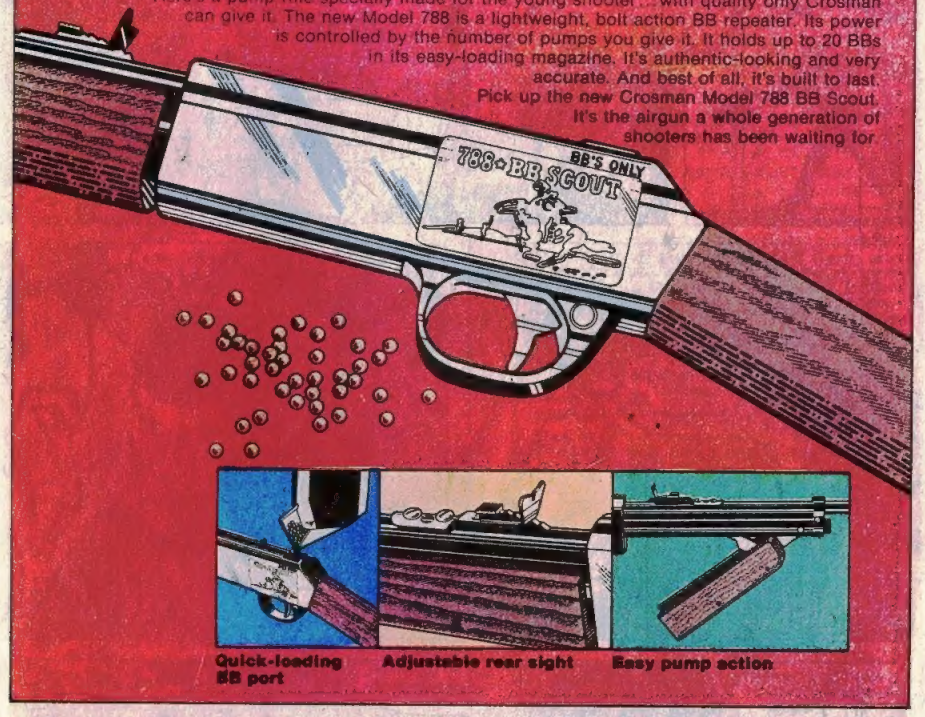




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...BUT THE INSTANT THE ELEVATOR DOORS HUSH SHUT BEHIND HER, HE IS ON THE MOVE...
...STRAIGHT INTO THE OFFICE OF HIS ASSOCIATE, LUCIUS FOX!
LUCIUS, I...OH, EXCUSE ME. I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD COMPANY!
IT'S OKAY, BRUCE. COME ON IN.
YOU KNOW MY DAUGHTER TIFFANY, DON'T YOU?
HOW COULD I NOT KNOW ONE OF THE PRIME MOVERS IN THE WAYNE FOUNDATION'S GHETTO DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAM!
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, TIFFANY. EVERYTHING GOING WELL?
WELL ENOUGH, MR. WAYNE!
PROGRESS IS SLOW-- BUT IT'S STEADY.
YOU WANT TO SEE ME ABOUT ANYTHING SPECIAL, BRUCE?
AS A MATTER OF FACT-- YES.
I WANT A COMPLETE RUNDOWN ON A WOMAN NAMED SELINA KYLE-- WHERE SHE GOES-- WHO SHE KNOWS-- WHERE SHE GETS HER MONEY-- THE WORKS!
AND I WANT IT YESTERDAY!
SELINA KYLE, DID YOU SAY? THE ONE THEY CALL THE CATWOMAN?
THE SAME!
I'M SURE I'LL REGRET ASKING-- BUT WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HER?
BELIEVE ME, LUCIUS-- CONSIDERING YOUR PENCHANT FOR WORRYING, YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW.
SEE YOU LATER, OKAY?
AND SOON, BACK IN HIS PRIVATE OFFICE...
EXCEPT FOR SILVER ST. CLOUD, THERE'S NEVER BEEN A WOMAN MORE INVOLVED IN MY LIFE THAN SELINA KYLE--
--AND NOW SHE WANTS TO BECOME BRUCE WAYNE'S PARTNER RATHER THAN BATMAN'S FOE?
I WONDER HOW SHE'LL... UH-OH.
LOOKS LIKE MY WONDERING WILL HAVE TO WAIT!

WITHIN MOMENTS, BRUCE WAYNE HAS VANISHED -- AND IN HIS PLACE STANDS THE NIGHT-GARBED BATMAN, CROUCHED ON A NARROW BUILDING LEDGE --
-- DARK EYES CAUTIOUSLY STUDYING THE SPRAWLING STREETS BELOW!
IN THE SINCEREST SENSE OF THE WORD, THE DARKNIGHT DETECTIVE LOVES THIS CITY -- FEELING THE POUNDING PULSE OF IT AS IF IT WERE HIS OWN!
THEY ARE IRREVOCABLY ENTWINED, THE CITY AND THE MAN, EACH FULFILLING A DESPERATE NEED IN THE OTHER --
-- EACH SENSING THE OTHER'S SECRET SORROWS AND PRIVATE PAINS...
YOU SUMMONED ME, COMMISSIONER?
REGRETTABLY, YES.
I'M AFRAID WE'RE LIABLE TO NEED YOU, BEFORE ALL THIS IS DONE!
THERE ARE FACTIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT WHO'VE BEEN COMPLAINING THAT I TEND TO RELY ON YOU A LITTLE TOO OFTEN --
--BUT THERE ARE JUST CERTAIN CASES THAT SEEM FAR MORE SUITED TO YOU THAN TO THE AVERAGE COP ON THE BEAT!
AND THIS, I TAKE IT, IS ONE OF THEM?
TAKE A LOOK AROUND -- THEN YOU TELL ME!
THIS ENTIRE FLOOR IS THE PRIVATE PENTHOUSE OF THE FINANCIER JACOB RIKER! WHEN HE DIDN'T SHOW UP AT HIS OFFICE TODAY, ONE OF HIS ASSOCIATES BECAME CONCERNED!
HE TRIED CALLING RIKER, AND WHEN HE GOT NO ANSWER, HE CAME HERE TO CHECK THINGS OUT --
-- AND FOUND JACOB RIKER LIKE THIS!!
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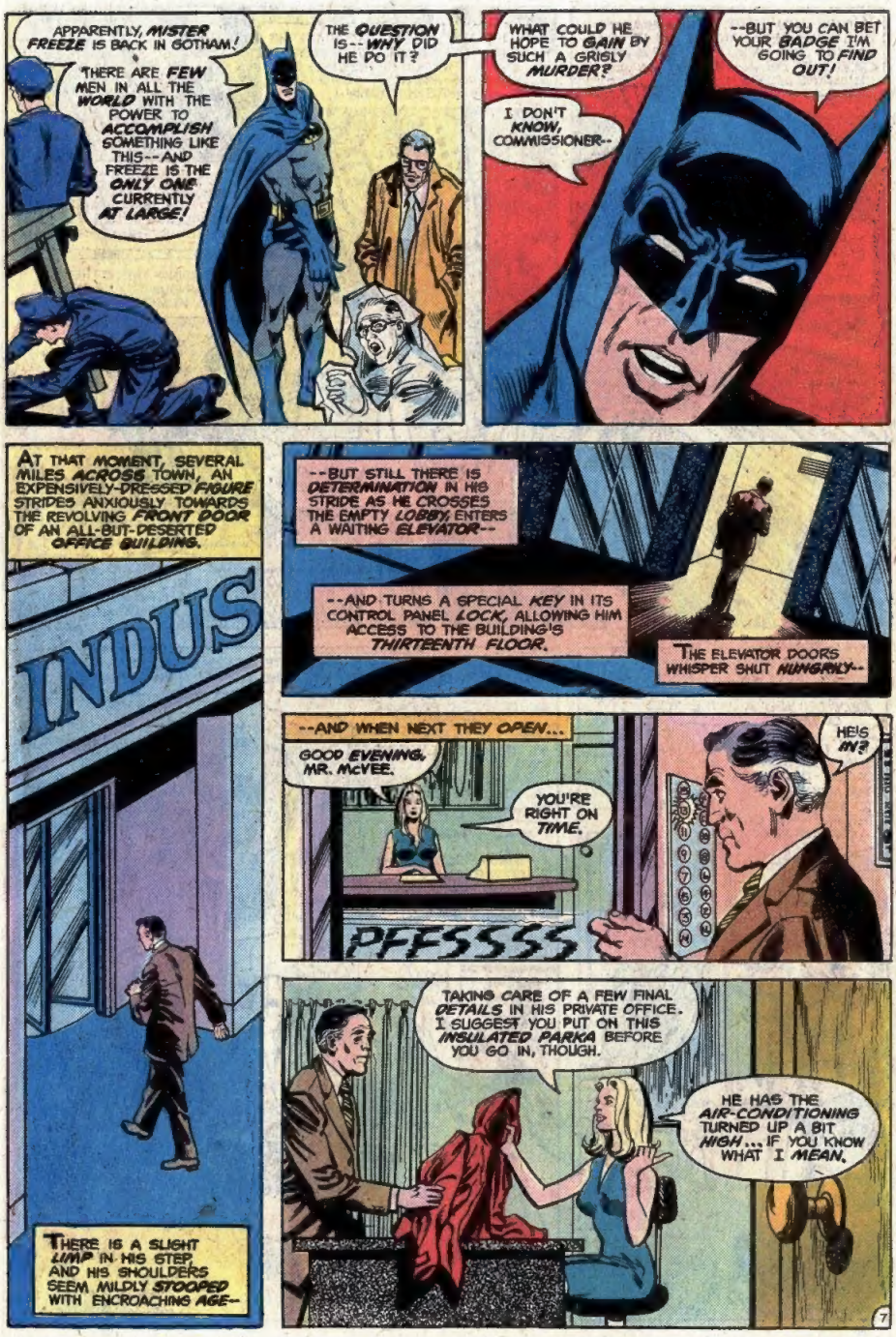
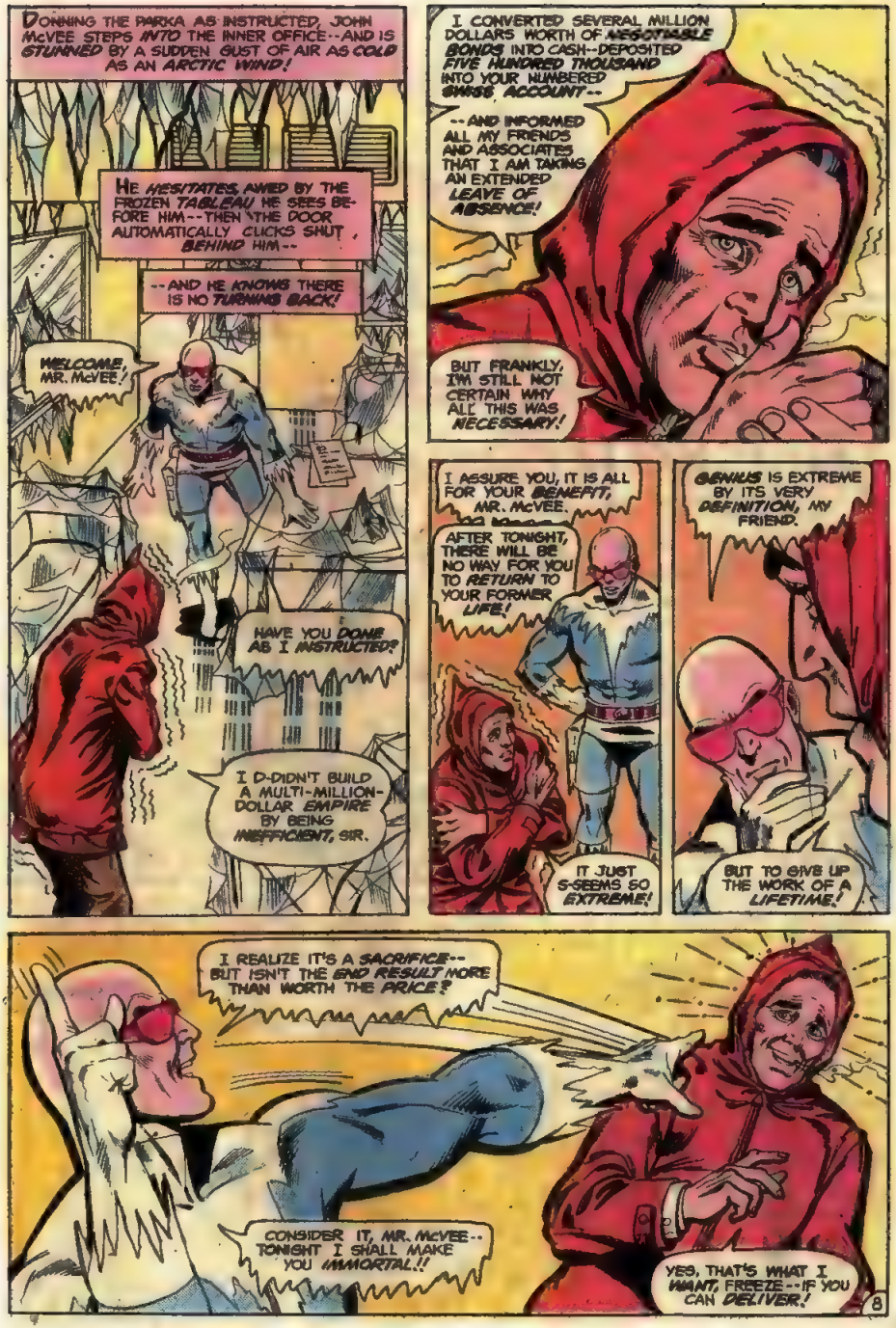
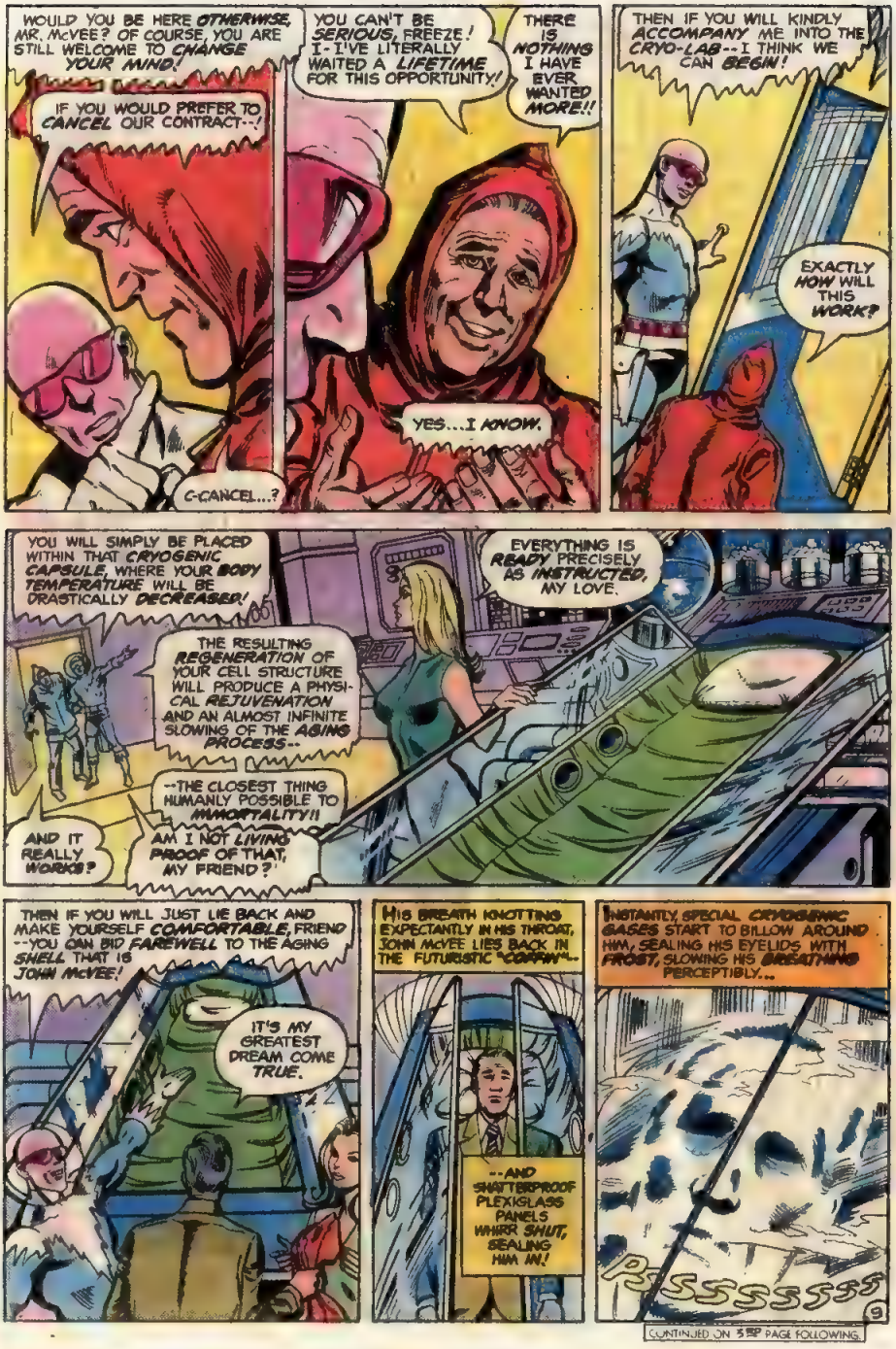

APPARENTLY, MISTER FREEZE IS BACK IN GOTHAM!
THERE ARE FEW MEN IN ALL THE WORLD WITH THE POWER TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING LIKE THIS--AND FREEZE IS THE ONLY ONE CURRENTLY AT LARGE!
THE QUESTION IS--WHY DID HE DO IT?
WHAT COULD HE HOPE TO GAIN BY SUCH A GRISLY MURDER?
I DON'T KNOW, COMMISSIONER--
--BUT YOU CAN BET YOUR BADGE I'M GOING TO FIND OUT!
AT THAT MOMENT, SEVERAL MILES ACROSS TOWN, AN EXPENSIVELY-DRESSED FIGURE STRIDES ANXIOUSLY TOWARDS THE REVOLVING FRONT DOOR OF AN ALL-BUT-DESERTED OFFICE BUILDING.
INDUS
THERE IS A SLIGHT LIMP IN HIS STEP AND HIS SHOULDERS SEEM MILDLY STOOPED WITH ENCROACHING AGE--
--BUT STILL THERE IS DETERMINATION IN HIS STRIDE AS HE CROSSES THE EMPTY LOBBY, ENTERS A WAITING ELEVATOR--
--AND TURNS A SPECIAL KEY IN ITS CONTROL PANEL LOCK, ALLOWING HIM ACCESS TO THE BUILDING'S THIRTEENTH FLOOR.
THE ELEVATOR DOORS WHISPER SHUT HUNGRILY--
--AND WHEN NEXT THEY OPEN...
GOOD EVENING, MR. McVEE.
YOU'RE RIGHT ON TIME.
HE'S IN?
PFFSSSS
TAKING CARE OF A FEW FINAL DETAILS IN HIS PRIVATE OFFICE. I SUGGEST YOU PUT ON THIS INSULATED PARKA BEFORE YOU GO IN, THOUGH.
HE HAS THE AIR-CONDITIONING TURNED UP A BIT HIGH... IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.


DONNING THE PARKA AS INSTRUCTED, JOHN McVEE STEPS INTO THE INNER OFFICE--AND IS STUNNED BY A SUDDEN GUST OF AIR AS COLD AS AN ARCTIC WIND!
HE HESITATES, AWED BY THE FROZEN TABLEAU HE SEES BEFORE HIM--THEN THE DOOR AUTOMATICALLY CLICKS SHUT, BEHIND HIM--
--AND HE KNOWS THERE IS NO TURNING BACK!
WELCOME, MR. McVEE!
HAVE YOU DONE AS I INSTRUCTED?
I D-DIDN'T BUILD A MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR EMPIRE BY BEING INEFFICIENT, SIR.
I CONVERTED SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF NEGOTIABLE BONDS INTO CASH--DEPOSITED FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND INTO YOUR NUMBERED SWISS ACCOUNT--
--AND INFORMED ALL MY FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES THAT I AM TAKING AN EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE!
BUT FRANKLY, I'M STILL NOT CERTAIN WHY ALL THIS WAS NECESSARY!
I ASSURE YOU, IT IS ALL FOR YOUR BENEFIT, MR. McVEE.
AFTER TONIGHT, THERE WILL BE NO WAY FOR YOU TO RETURN TO YOUR FORMER LIFE!
IT JUST S-SEEMS SO EXTREME!
GENIUS IS EXTREME BY ITS VERY DEFINITION, MY FRIEND.
BUT TO GIVE UP THE WORK OF A LIFETIME!
I REALIZE IT'S A SACRIFICE--BUT ISN'T THE END RESULT MORE THAN WORTH THE PRICE?
CONSIDER IT, MR. McVEE--TONIGHT I SHALL MAKE YOU IMMORTAL!!
YES, THAT'S WHAT I WANT, FREEZE--IF YOU CAN DELIVER!


WOULD YOU BE HERE OTHERWISE, MR. McVEE? OF COURSE, YOU ARE STILL WELCOME TO CHANGE YOUR MIND!
IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO CANCEL OUR CONTRACT--!
C-CANCEL...?
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS, FREEZE! I-I'VE LITERALLY WAITED A LIFETIME FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY!
THERE IS NOTHING I HAVE EVER WANTED MORE!!
YES...I KNOW.
THEN IF YOU WILL KINDLY ACCOMPANY ME INTO THE CRYO-LAB--I THINK WE CAN BEGIN!
EXACTLY HOW WILL THIS WORK?
YOU WILL SIMPLY BE PLACED WITHIN THAT CRYOGENIC CAPSULE, WHERE YOUR BODY TEMPERATURE WILL BE DRASTICALLY DECREASED!
THE RESULTING REGENERATION OF YOUR CELL STRUCTURE WILL PRODUCE A PHYSICAL REJUVENATION AND AN ALMOST INFINITE SLOWING OF THE AGING PROCESS--
--THE CLOSEST THING HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO IMMORTALITY!! AM I NOT LIVING PROOF OF THAT, MY FRIEND?
AND IT REALLY WORKS?
EVERYTHING IS READY PRECISELY AS INSTRUCTED, MY LOVE.
THEN IF YOU WILL JUST LIE BACK AND MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE, FRIEND --YOU CAN BID FAREWELL TO THE AGING SHELL THAT IS JOHN McVEE!
IT'S MY GREATEST DREAM COME TRUE.
HIS BREATH KNOTTING EXPECTANTLY IN HIS THROAT, JOHN McVEE LIES BACK IN THE FUTURISTIC "COFFIN"--
--AND SHATTERPROOF PLEXIGLASS PANELS WHIRR SHUT, SEALING HIM IN!
INSTANTLY, SPECIAL CRYOGENIC GASES START TO BILLOW AROUND HIM, SEALING HIS EYELIDS WITH FROST, SLOWING HIS BREATHING PERCEPTIBLY...
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MY BEAM OF KRYPTONITE WILL KEEP YOU POWERLESS, SUPERMAN. NOW NOTHING STANDS IN THE WAY OF MY PLANETARY CONQUEST!
WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP SUPERMAN. THERE'S NO ONE ELSE!
WE'VE GOT TO GET BIG DOME'S HANDS OFF THOSE CONTROLS!!
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HE WON'T BE ABLE TO KEEP HIS HANDS OFF HOSTESS® TWINKIES® CAKES.
I'D TAKE CARE OF YOU, SUPERMAN, BUT I'VE GOT MY HANDS FULL OF DELICIOUS TWINKIES CAKES.
YOU'RE POWERLESS, BIG DOME. BUT I'M NOT, THANKS TO YOU KIDS!!!
DON'T THANK US, SUPERMAN. THANK HOSTESS TWINKIES CAKES.
NO ONE CAN RESIST THIS DELICIOUS, GOLDEN SPONGE CAKE AND YUMMY CREAMED FILLING.
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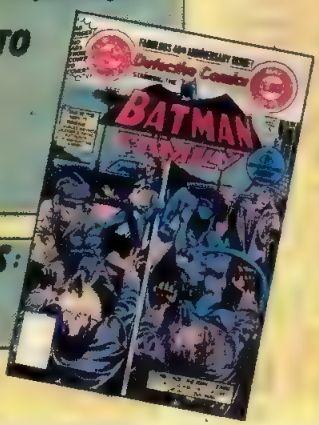


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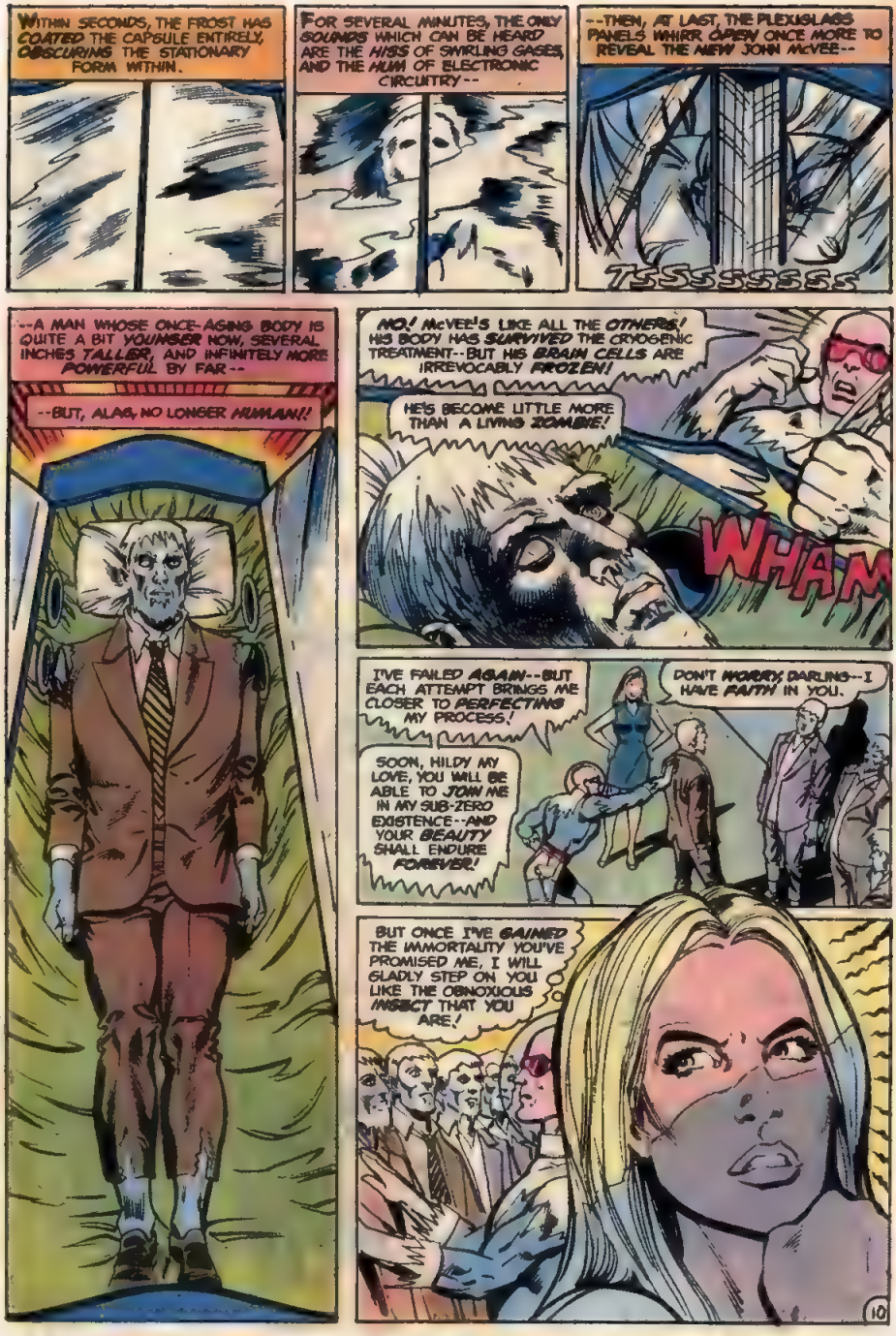
WITHIN SECONDS, THE FROST HAS COATED THE CAPSULE ENTIRELY, OBSCURING THE STATIONARY FORM WITHIN.
FOR SEVERAL MINUTES, THE ONLY SOUNDS WHICH CAN BE HEARD ARE THE HISS OF SWIRLING GASES, AND THE HUM OF ELECTRONIC CIRCUITRY--
--THEN, AT LAST, THE PLEXIGLASS PANELS WHIRR OPEN ONCE MORE TO REVEAL THE NEW JOHN McVEE--
TSSSSSSSS
--A MAN WHOSE ONCE-AGING BODY IS QUITE A BIT YOUNGER NOW, SEVERAL INCHES TALLER, AND INFINITELY MORE POWERFUL BY FAR--
--BUT, ALAS, NO LONGER HUMAN!!
NO! McVEE'S LIKE ALL THE OTHERS! HIS BODY HAS SURVIVED THE CRYOGENIC TREATMENT--BUT HIS BRAIN CELLS ARE IRREVOCABLY FROZEN!
HE'S BECOME LITTLE MORE THAN A LIVING ZOMBIE!
WHAM
I'VE FAILED AGAIN--BUT EACH ATTEMPT BRINGS ME CLOSER TO PERFECTING MY PROCESS!
DON'T WORRY, DARLING--I HAVE FAITH IN YOU.
SOON, HILDY MY LOVE, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN ME IN MY SUB-ZERO EXISTENCE--AND YOUR BEAUTY SHALL ENDURE FOREVER!
BUT ONCE I'VE GAINED THE IMMORTALITY YOU'VE PROMISED ME, I WILL GLADLY STEP ON YOU LIKE THE OBNOXIOUS INSECT THAT YOU ARE!
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WHILE, HALF A CITY AWAY, AT THE GOTHAM CITY BRANCH OF S.T.A.R.* LABS...
--AND IT TOOK NINE MEN TO HOLD OUR FRIEND HERE STILL LONG ENOUGH TO ADMINISTER THE ANESTHESIA!
NOT EXACTLY THE LEAST VIOLENT PATIENT WE'VE EVER HAD HERE, IS HE?
THE WAYNE FOUNDATION SEEMED ALMOST GLAD TO GET HIM OFF ITS HANDS!
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WELL, THERE REALLY WASN'T ANYTHING THEY COULD DO FOR HIM THERE--EXCEPT KEEP HIM CONTAINED.
AT LEAST, HERE, WE HAVE A CHANCE OF RESTORING HIM TO NORMAL.
YEAH, THIS NEW RADIATION TREATMENT WILL EITHER CURE HIM--OR KILL HIM!
BUTTONS ARE PRESSED--AND INSTANTLY, THE SHROUDED FIGURE IS ENVELOPED IN CORUSCATING ENERGIES...
FOR SEVERAL SECONDS, NOTHING HAPPENS--THEN THE MASSIVE BODY BENEATH THE STERILE SHEET BEGINS TO WRITHE IN TERRIBLE AGONY--
ARRGGH
-- UNTIL IT SUNDERS ITS THICK METAL BONDS IN A FIT OF UNIMAGINABLE FURY!
SNAP
STAGGERING TO ITS FEET, THE TOWERING FIGURE GOES BERSERK --LASHING OUT BLINDLY AT THE SOURCE OF ITS MIND-SHATTERING PAIN...
KRAM
THEN, MOANING LIKE SOME LOST AND LONELY CHILD, THE FIGURE STUMBLES FORWARD--
--AND FALLS FLAT ON ITS SHEET-COVERED FACE!
WHOOMP
...AND, UNFORTUNATELY, IT DID THE LATTER!
LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE RIGHT, FRANK. YOU SAID THE TREATMENT WOULD CURE HIM OR KILL HIM...
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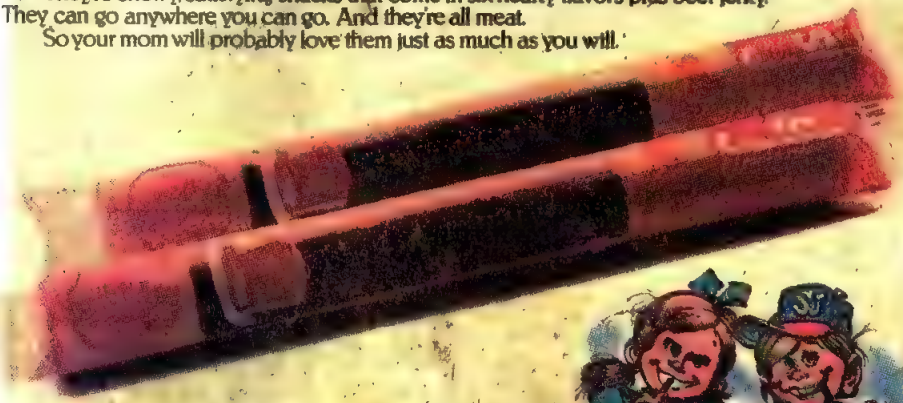

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--AND NOW HE INTENDS TO PUT THAT NEWFOUND KNOWLEDGE TO USE!
IF BENNY THE BUZZ WAS STRAIGHT WITH ME--AND HE KNOWS BETTER THAN TO BE OTHERWISE-- FREEZE SECRETLY OWNS THIS ENTIRE BUILDING!
I'LL LET MYSELF IN AND CHECK OUT THE BASEMENT-- SEE IF I CAN FIND WHAT I EXPECT TO FIND--!
IF THIS IS THAT MADMAN'S HIDEOUT, THERE'LL BE OBVIOUS EVIDENCE!
AND SEVERAL BUSY MINUTES LATER...
THERE ARE A HALF-DOZEN HIGH-VOLTAGE LINES SECRETLY TIED INTO THIS BUILDING--FEEDING EXTRA POWER TO THE THIRTEENTH FLOOR!
NO NORMAL BUSINESS OFFICE COULD USE THAT MUCH ENERGY--BUT IT CAN KEEP A BANK OF REFRIGERATING UNITS WORKING QUITE NICELY!
WELL, I'VE DONE ALL I CAN DO DOWN HERE--!
MIGHT AS WELL PAY A LITTLE VISIT TO THE THIRTEENTH FLOOR--
--IN THE MOST INCONSPICUOUS FASHION POSSIBLE!
HAND OVER HAND, THE MASKED MANHUNTER PULLS HIMSELF SKYWARD, UNTIL...
I CAN ALREADY FEEL THE CHILL IN THE AIR!
GLAD I COATED MY BODY WITH AN INSULATING SALVE --LIKE THE KIND USED BY LONG-DISTANCE SWIMMERS!
NOW IF I CAN MAKE IT TO FREEZE'S INNER OFFICE WITHOUT BEING SEEN--!
BUT UNFORTUNATELY-- THAT DOESN'T SEEM LIKELY!
POW
HHUUNFF!
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WELCOME, BATMAN--WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
APPARENTLY, BENNY THE BUZZ FEARS MY WRATH MORE THAN YOURS!
HE CALLED ME TO SAY YOU'D BE DROPPING BY!
BENNY'S NEVER REALLY HAD A CHANCE TO TASTE MY WRATH, FREEZE--
--BUT I'M MORE THAN WILLING TO LET YOU AND YOUR GOONS SAMPLE IT FIRSTHAND!
WHAM
LORD, I ALMOST SHATTERED MY KNUCKLES!
THIS GUY'S JAW FEELS LIKE IT'S MADE OF SOLID ICE!
BUT HE HAS TO HAVE A WEAK SPOT SOMEWHERE--
--AND I'VE GOT TO KEEP HAMMERINS AWAY UNTIL I FIND IT!
WUMP!
YOU HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE, BATMAN! MY ICE PACK IS UTTERLY INCAPABLE OF FEELING PAIN!
HE'S RIGHT! I'LL HAVE TO CHANGE MY TACTICS!
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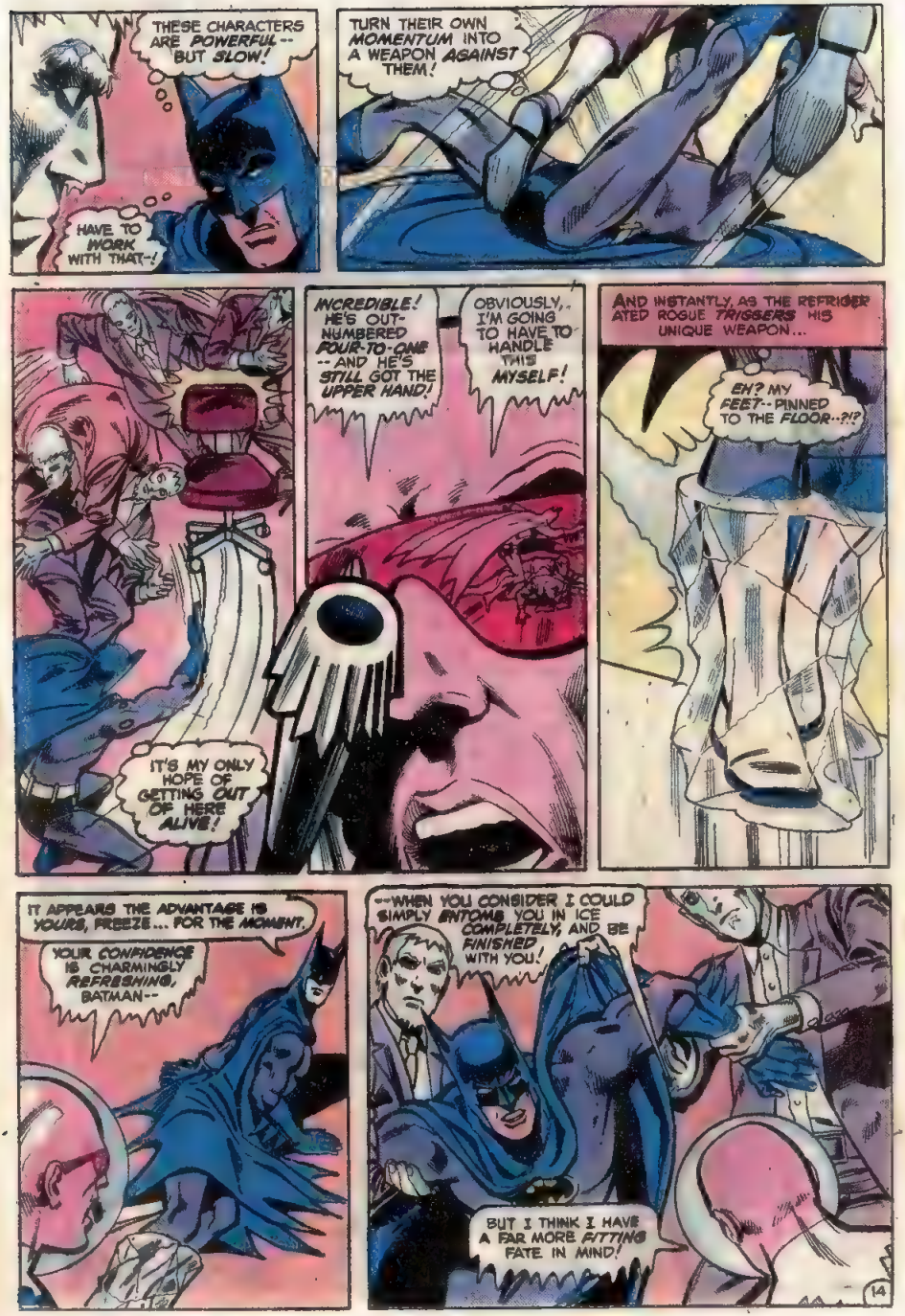
THESE CHARACTERS ARE POWERFUL-- BUT SLOW!
HAVE TO WORK WITH THAT-!
TURN THEIR OWN MOMENTUM INTO A WEAPON AGAINST THEM!
INCREDIBLE! HE'S OUT-NUMBERED FOUR-TO-ONE -- AND HE'S STILL GOT THE UPPER HAND!
OBVIOUSLY, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO HANDLE THIS MYSELF!
IT'S MY ONLY HOPE OF GETTING OUT OF HERE ALIVE!
AND INSTANTLY, AS THE REFRIGERATED ROGUE TRIGGERS HIS UNIQUE WEAPON...
EH? MY FEET-- PINNED TO THE FLOOR--?!?
IT APPEARS THE ADVANTAGE IS YOURS, FREEZE... FOR THE MOMENT.
YOUR CONFIDENCE IS CHARMINGLY REFRESHING, BATMAN--
--WHEN YOU CONSIDER I COULD SIMPLY ENTOMB YOU IN ICE COMPLETELY, AND BE FINISHED WITH YOU!
BUT I THINK I HAVE A FAR MORE FITTING FATE IN MIND!
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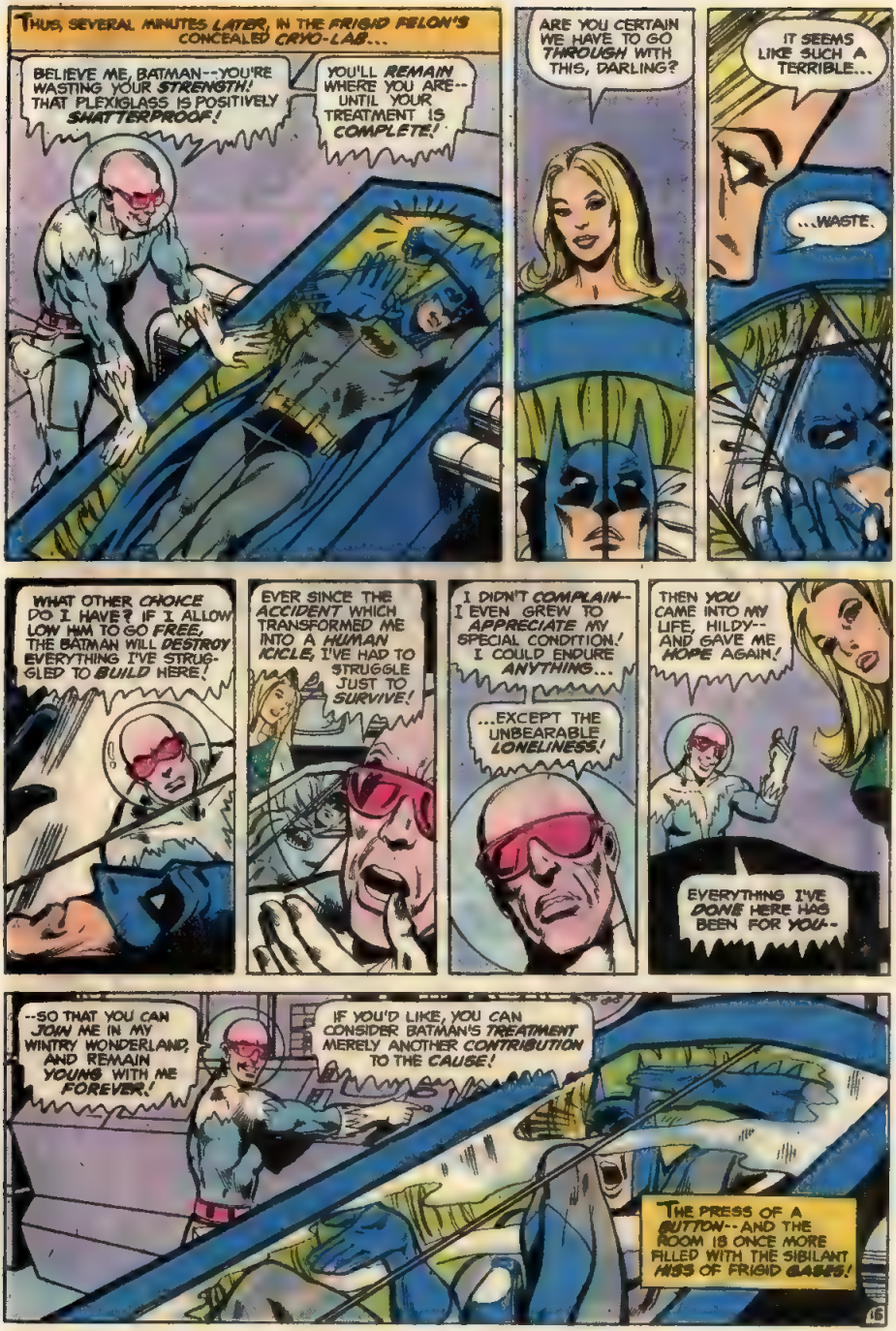
THUS, SEVERAL MINUTES LATER, IN THE FRIGID FELON'S CONCEALED CRYO-LAB...
BELIEVE ME, BATMAN--YOU'RE WASTING YOUR STRENGTH! THAT PLEXIGLASS IS POSITIVELY SHATTERPROOF!
YOU'LL REMAIN WHERE YOU ARE--UNTIL YOUR TREATMENT IS COMPLETE!
ARE YOU CERTAIN WE HAVE TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS, DARLING?
IT SEEMS LIKE SUCH A TERRIBLE...
...WASTE.
WHAT OTHER CHOICE DO I HAVE? IF I ALLOW LOW HIM TO GO FREE, THE BATMAN WILL DESTROY EVERYTHING I'VE STRUGGLED TO BUILD HERE!
EVER SINCE THE ACCIDENT WHICH TRANSFORMED ME INTO A HUMAN ICICLE, I'VE HAD TO STRUGGLE JUST TO SURVIVE!
I DIDN'T COMPLAIN--I EVEN GREW TO APPRECIATE MY SPECIAL CONDITION! I COULD ENDURE ANYTHING...
...EXCEPT THE UNBEARABLE LONELINESS!
THEN YOU CAME INTO MY LIFE, HILDY--AND GAVE ME HOPE AGAIN!
EVERYTHING I'VE DONE HERE HAS BEEN FOR YOU--
--SO THAT YOU CAN JOIN ME IN MY WINTRY WONDERLAND, AND REMAIN YOUNG WITH ME FOREVER!
IF YOU'D LIKE, YOU CAN CONSIDER BATMAN'S TREATMENT MERELY ANOTHER CONTRIBUTION TO THE CAUSE!
THE PRESS OF A BUTTON--AND THE ROOM IS ONCE MORE FILLED WITH THE SIBILANT HISS OF FRIGID GASES!
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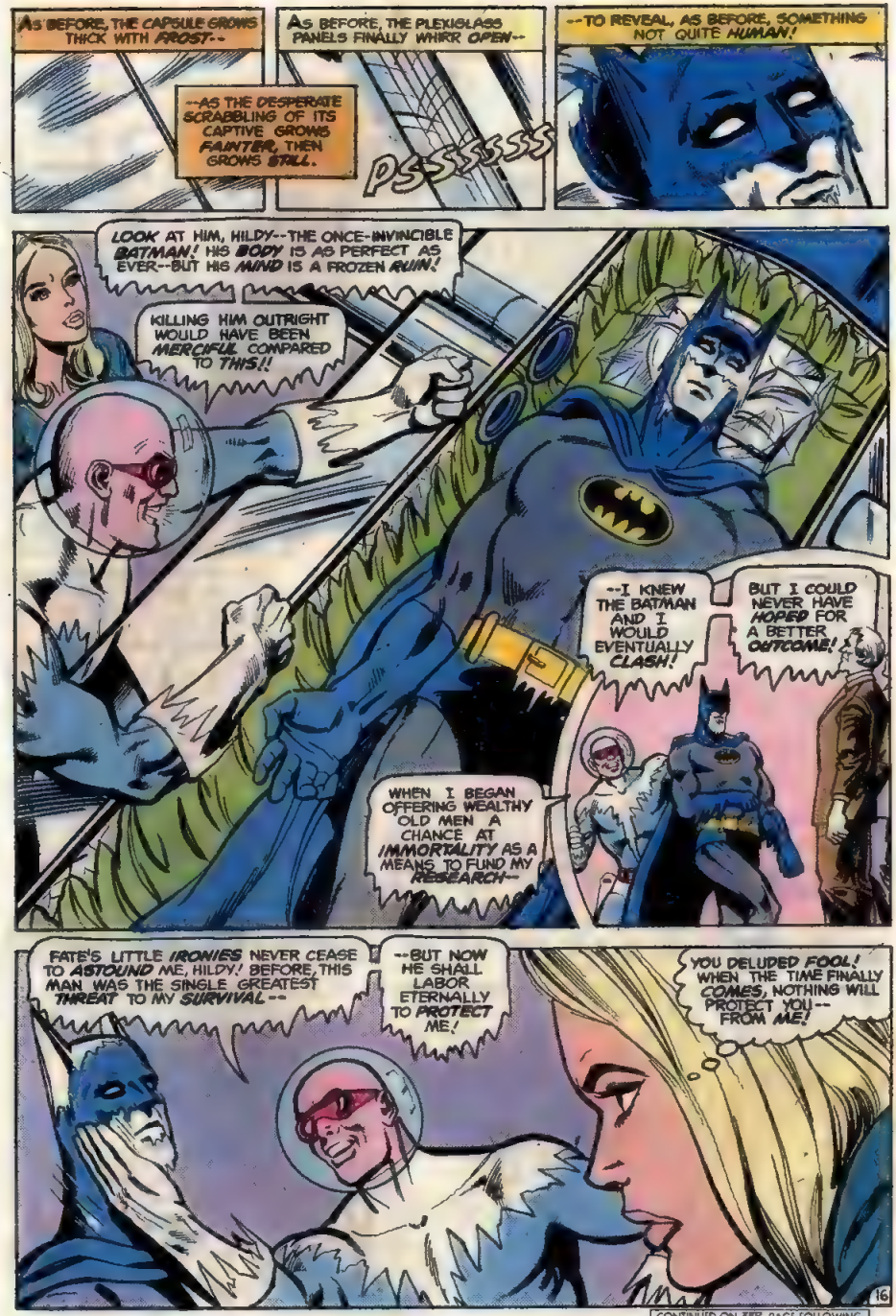
AS BEFORE, THE CAPSULE GROWS THICK WITH FROST--
--AS THE DESPERATE SCRABBLING OF ITS CAPTIVE GROWS FAINTER, THEN GROWS STILL.
AS BEFORE, THE PLEXIGLASS PANELS FINALLY WHIRR OPEN--
PSSSSSSS
--TO REVEAL, AS BEFORE, SOMETHING NOT QUITE HUMAN!
LOOK AT HIM, HILDY--THE ONCE-INVINCIBLE BATMAN! HIS BODY IS AS PERFECT AS EVER--BUT HIS MIND IS A FROZEN RUIN!
KILLING HIM OUTRIGHT WOULD HAVE BEEN MERCIFUL COMPARED TO THIS!!
--I KNEW THE BATMAN AND I WOULD EVENTUALLY CLASH!
BUT I COULD NEVER HAVE HOPED FOR A BETTER OUTCOME!
WHEN I BEGAN OFFERING WEALTHY OLD MEN A CHANCE AT IMMORTALITY AS A MEANS TO FUND MY RESEARCH--
FATE'S LITTLE IRONIES NEVER CEASE TO ASTOUND ME, HILDY! BEFORE, THIS MAN WAS THE SINGLE GREATEST THREAT TO MY SURVIVAL--
--BUT NOW HE SHALL LABOR ETERNALLY TO PROTECT ME!
YOU DELUDED FOOL! WHEN THE TIME FINALLY COMES, NOTHING WILL PROTECT YOU--FROM ME!



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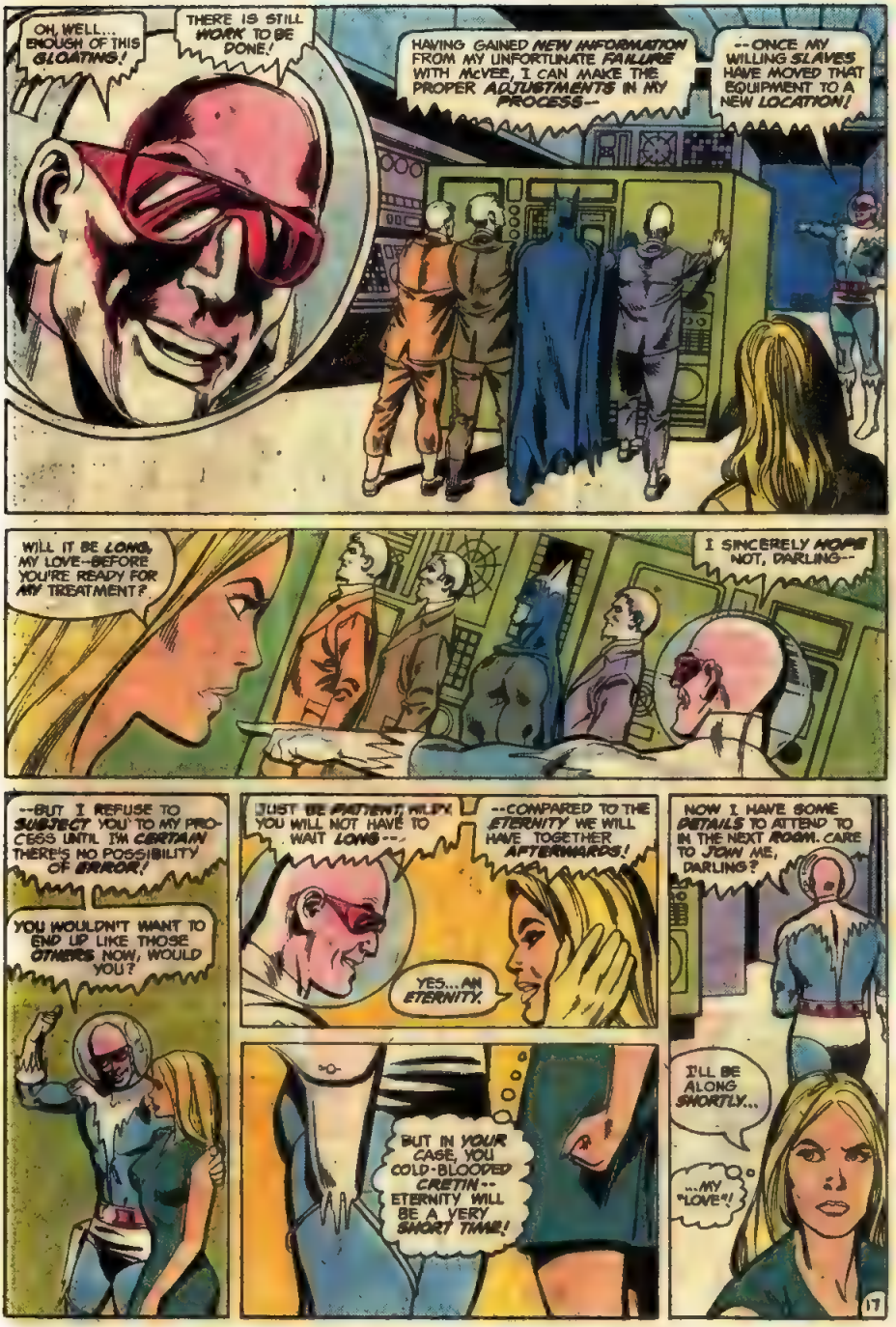
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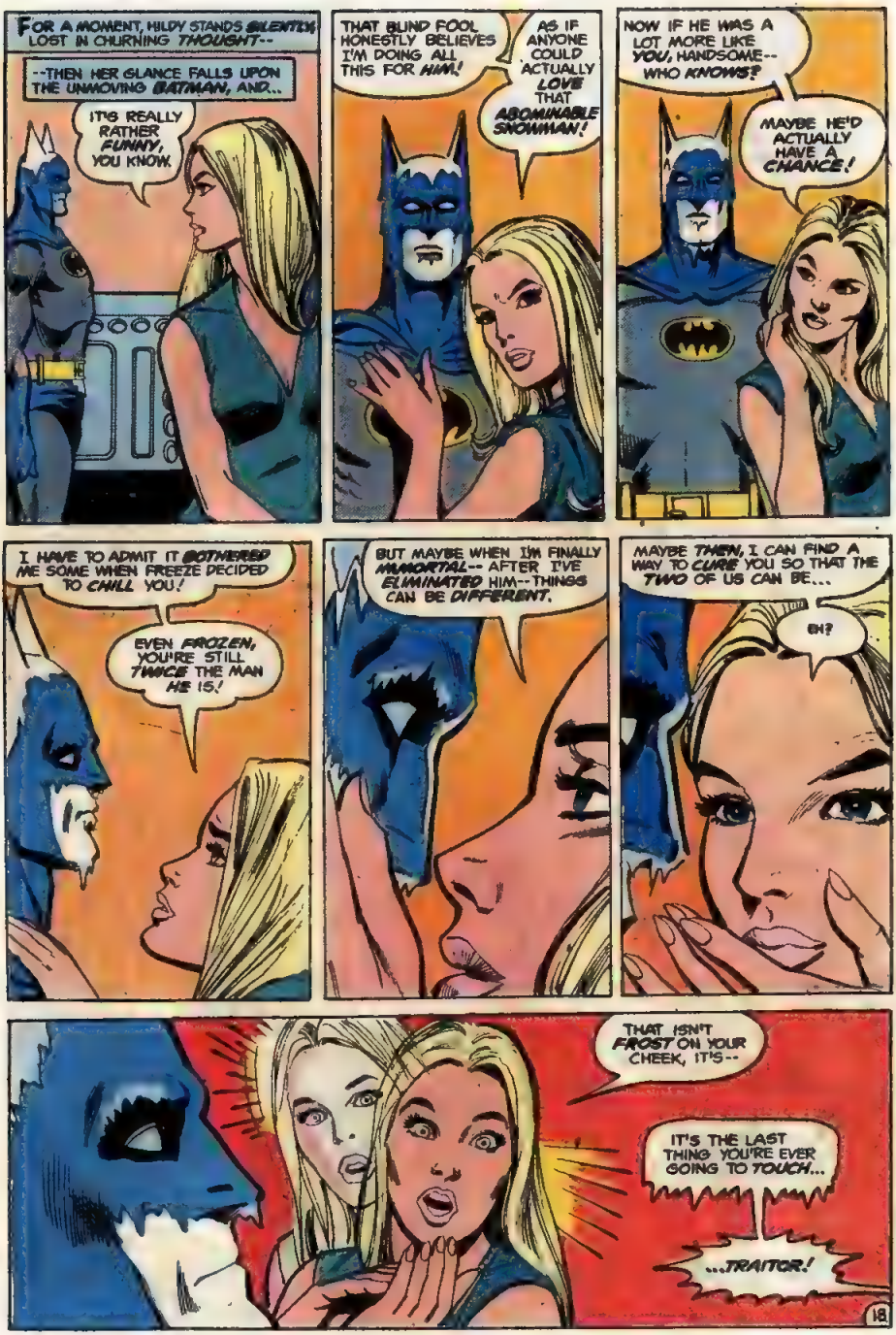
--ONCE MY WILLING SLAVES HAVE MOVED THAT EQUIPMENT TO A NEW LOCATION!
WILL IT BE LONG, MY LOVE--BEFORE YOU'RE READY FOR MY TREATMENT?
I SINCERELY HOPE NOT, DARLING--
--BUT I REFUSE TO SUBJECT YOU TO MY PROCESS UNTIL I'M CERTAIN THERE'S NO POSSIBILITY OF ERROR!
YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO END UP LIKE THOSE OTHERS NOW, WOULD YOU?
JUST BE PATIENT, HILDY. YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO WAIT LONG---
--COMPARED TO THE ETERNITY WE WILL HAVE TOGETHER AFTERWARDS!
YES...AN ETERNITY.
BUT IN YOUR CASE, YOU COLD-BLOODED CRETIN--ETERNITY WILL BE A VERY SHORT TIME!
NOW I HAVE SOME DETAILS TO ATTEND TO IN THE NEXT ROOM. CARE TO JOIN ME, DARLING?
I'LL BE ALONG SHORTLY...
...MY "LOVE"!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--THEN HER GLANCE FALLS UPON THE UNMOVING BATMAN, AND...
IT'S REALLY RATHER FUNNY, YOU KNOW.
THAT BLIND FOOL HONESTLY BELIEVES I'M DOING ALL THIS FOR HIM!
AS IF ANYONE COULD ACTUALLY LOVE THAT ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN!
NOW IF HE WAS A LOT MORE LIKE YOU, HANDSOME-- WHO KNOWS?
MAYBE HE'D ACTUALLY HAVE A CHANCE!
I HAVE TO ADMIT IT BOTHERED ME SOME WHEN FREEZE DECIDED TO CHILL YOU!
EVEN FROZEN, YOU'RE STILL TWICE THE MAN HE IS!
BUT MAYBE WHEN I'M FINALLY IMMORTAL-- AFTER I'VE ELIMINATED HIM--THINGS CAN BE DIFFERENT.
MAYBE THEN, I CAN FIND A WAY TO CURE YOU SO THAT THE TWO OF US CAN BE...
EH?
THAT ISN'T FROST ON YOUR CHEEK, IT'S--
IT'S THE LAST THING YOU'RE EVER GOING TO TOUCH...
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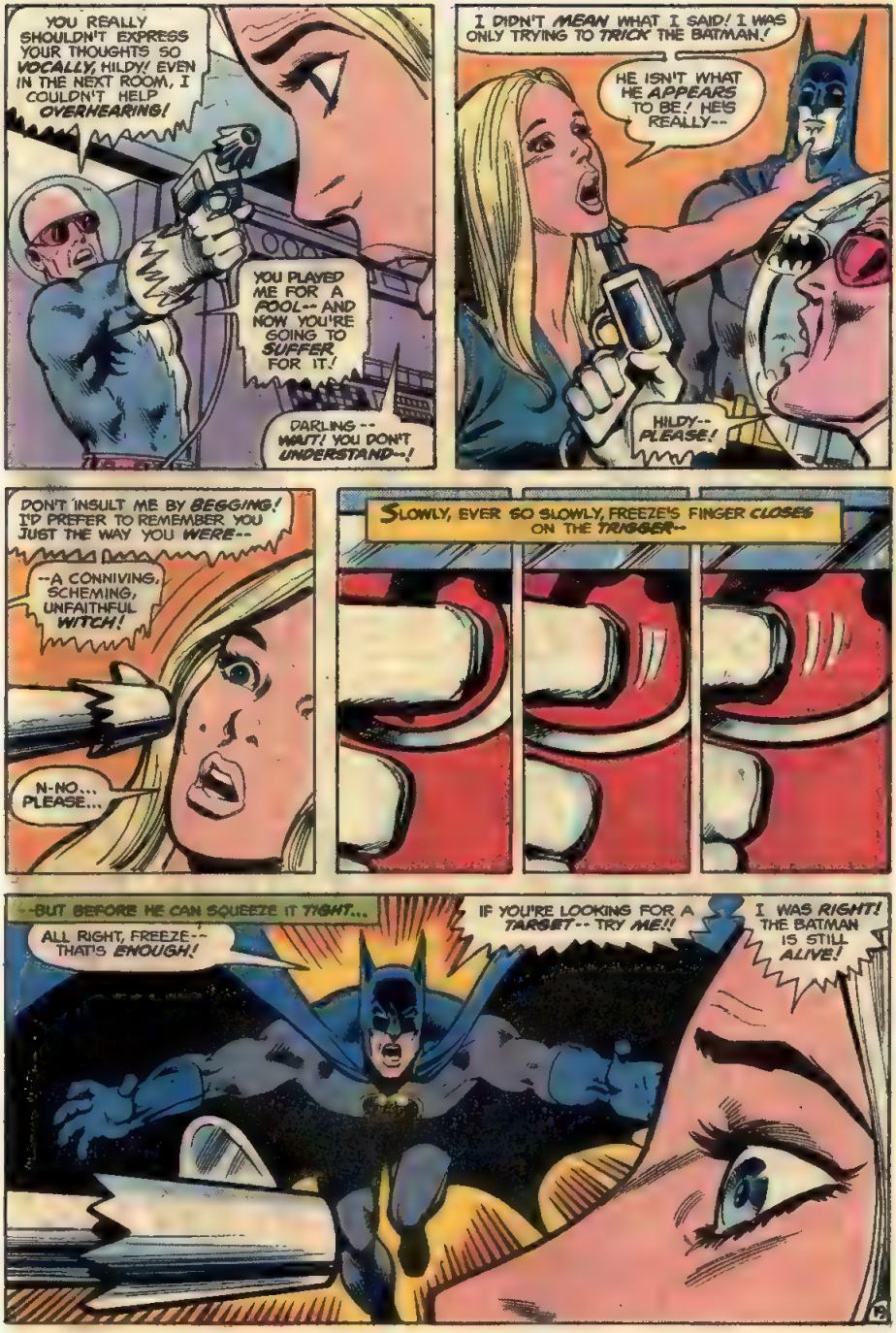
YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T EXPRESS YOUR THOUGHTS SO VOCALLY, HILDY! EVEN IN THE NEXT ROOM, I COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING!
YOU PLAYED ME FOR A FOOL-- AND NOW YOU'RE GOING TO SUFFER FOR IT.!
DARLING -- WAIT! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND--!
I DIDN'T MEAN WHAT I SAID! I WAS ONLY TRYING TO TRICK THE BATMAN.!
HE ISN'T WHAT HE APPEARS TO BE! HE'S REALLY--
HILDY-- PLEASE!
DON'T INSULT ME BY BEGGING! I'D PREFER TO REMEMBER YOU JUST THE WAY YOU WERE--
--A CONNIVING, SCHEMING, UNFAITHFUL WITCH!
N-NO... PLEASE...
SLOWLY, EVER SO SLOWLY, FREEZE'S FINGER CLOSES ON THE TRIGGER--
--BUT BEFORE HE CAN SQUEEZE IT TIGHT...
ALL RIGHT, FREEZE-- THAT'S ENOUGH!
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A TARGET-- TRY ME!!
I WAS RIGHT! THE BATMAN IS STILL ALIVE!

BUT HOW--?!?
BEFORE I CAME UP HERE, I DISCONNECTED SEVERAL OF YOUR EXTRA POWER LINES, FREEZE!
YOU HAD VOLTAGE ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN YOUR REFRIGERATING UNITS, BUT NOT NEARLY ENOUGH TO POWER YOUR CRYOGENIC CAPSULE!
I FAKED BECOMING ONE OF YOUR VICTIMS SO I COULD FIND OUT WHAT THIS WAS ALL ABOUT--
--AND IT WOULD'VE WORKED IF YOUR LADY FRIEND HADN'T DISCOVERED THE MAKE-UP ON MY CHEEK!
THAT'S TWICE I'VE BEEN FOOLED-- BUT NO MORE!
ICE PACK-- KILL HIM.!!
YOUR CREW HAS TO GET CLOSE TO ME TO KILL ME, FREEZE--
--AND I DON'T INTEND TO MAKE IT EASY FOR THEM!
INCREDIBLE! THAT BLOCK OF ICE WOULD'VE FLATTENED A RHINO--
--BUT IT BARELY EVEN SLOWED THESE ZOMBIES!
WHAM
KROOM
HAVE TO KEEP MOVING --CAN'T LET THEM GET THEIR HANDS ON ME--!
BUT EVEN USING THEIR SLUGGISHNESS AGAINST THEM--
--THE BEST I CAN HOPE FOR IS A STAND-OFF!
THUK- THUK
THUK
GOT TO FIND A WAY TO STOP THEM PERMANENTLY--
--BEFORE THEY DO THE SAME TO ME!
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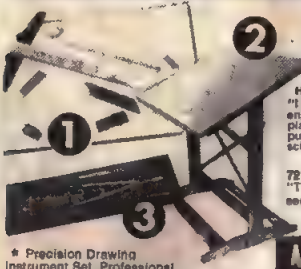


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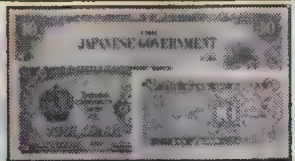

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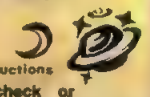

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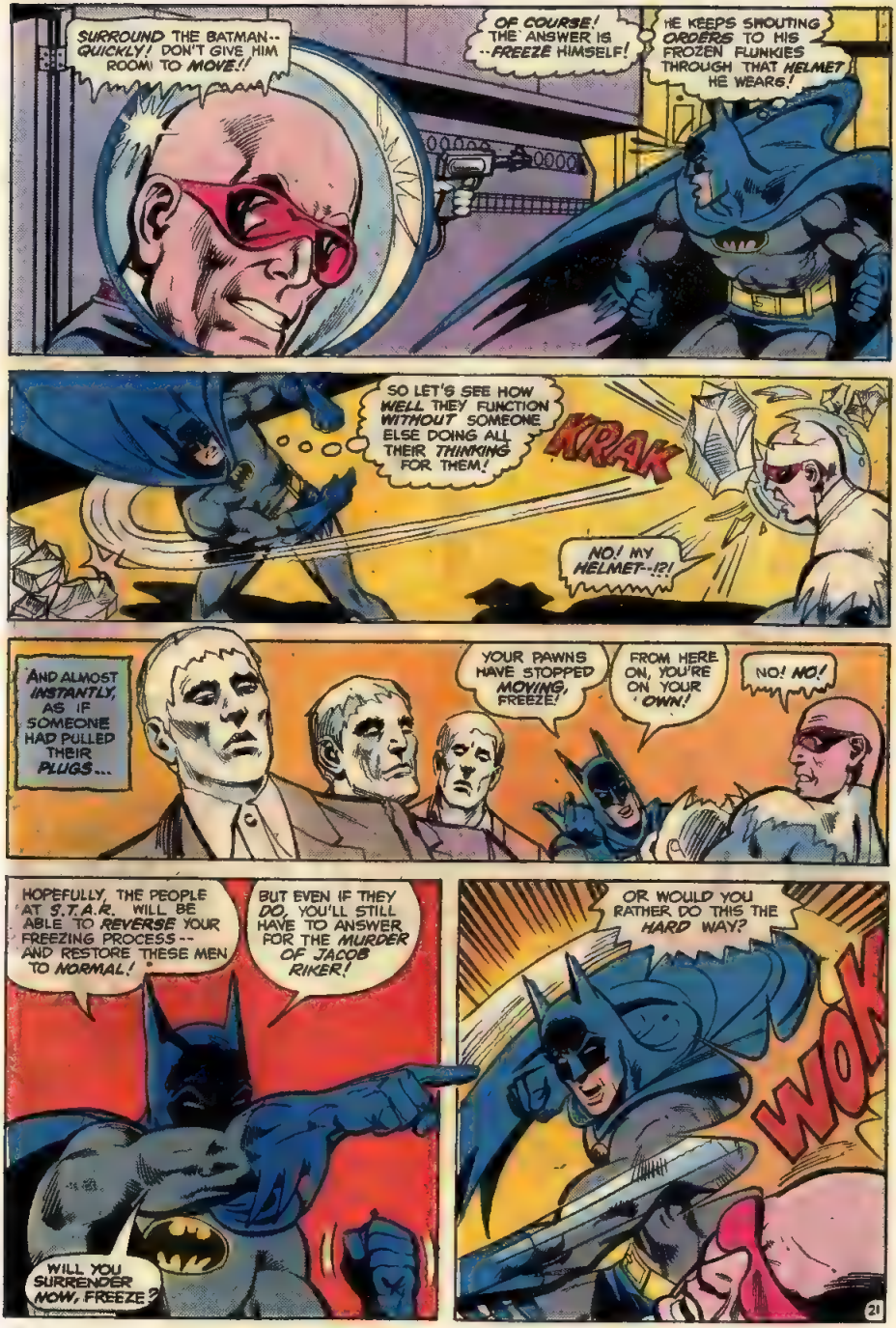
SURROUND THE BATMAN-- QUICKLY! DON'T GIVE HIM ROOM TO MOVE!!
OF COURSE! THE ANSWER IS --FREEZE HIMSELF!
HE KEEPS SHOUTING ORDERS TO HIS FROZEN FLUNKIES THROUGH THAT HELMET HE WEARS!
SO LET'S SEE HOW WELL THEY FUNCTION WITHOUT SOMEONE ELSE DOING ALL THEIR THINKING FOR THEM!
KRAK
NO! MY HELMET--!?!
AND ALMOST INSTANTLY, AS IF SOMEONE HAD PULLED THEIR PLUGS...
YOUR PAWNS HAVE STOPPED MOVING, FREEZE!
FROM HERE ON, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN!
NO! NO!
HOPEFULLY, THE PEOPLE AT S.T.A.R. WILL BE ABLE TO REVERSE YOUR FREEZING PROCESS -- AND RESTORE THESE MEN TO NORMAL!
BUT EVEN IF THEY DO, YOU'LL STILL HAVE TO ANSWER FOR THE MURDER OF JACOB RIKER!
WILL YOU SURRENDER NOW, FREEZE?
OR WOULD YOU RATHER DO THIS THE HARD WAY?
WOK

I'LL CHILL YOU FOR THAT--KILL YOU!!
THAT'S ABOUT WHAT I EXPECTED!
THUD
YOU'LL NEVER LEARN...
...WILL YOU?
THE CRYO-GUN--! HAVE TO GRAB IT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
WOK
ONE SQUEEZE OF THE TRIGGER, AND I'LL BE RID OF BOTH OF YOU--!
HILDY--NO! THE REGULATING CABLE HAS BEEN SEVERED! FIRE THAT WEAPON NOW--
"--AND IT WILL--
"--BACKFIRE!"
WHOOM
LET'S GO, FREEZE--IT'S OVER!
YOUR HILDY WANTED TO STAY YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL FOREVER--
"--AND IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S FINALLY GOTTEN HER WISH!"

GOTHAM CITY CEMETERY, 24 HOURS LATER...

I'M HONESTLY SORRY THINGS WORKED OUT THIS WAY.

SO ARE WE ALL, FRANK.

MARK DESMOND WASN'T REALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ACTIONS. HE WAS MORE A VICTIM THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

WE DID WHAT WE COULD FOR HIM.

IT JUST WASN'T ENOUGH!

OUR RADIATION TREATMENT MAY HAVE HAVE FAILED TO CURE HIM--BUT IT GAVE HIM SOMETHING HE HASN'T KNOWN IN YEARS.

YEAH... AT LEAST NOW HE'S FINALLY AT PEACE.

AND IN THE END, THAT'S ALL ANYONE CAN ASK FOR.

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--AND THUS, THERE IS NO ONE TO BEAR WITNESS AS THE EARTH ATOP THE NEWLY-FILLED GRAVE BEGINS TO TREMBLE--

--THEN TO CRACK, TOSSING ASIDE GREAT CLODS OF DIRT--

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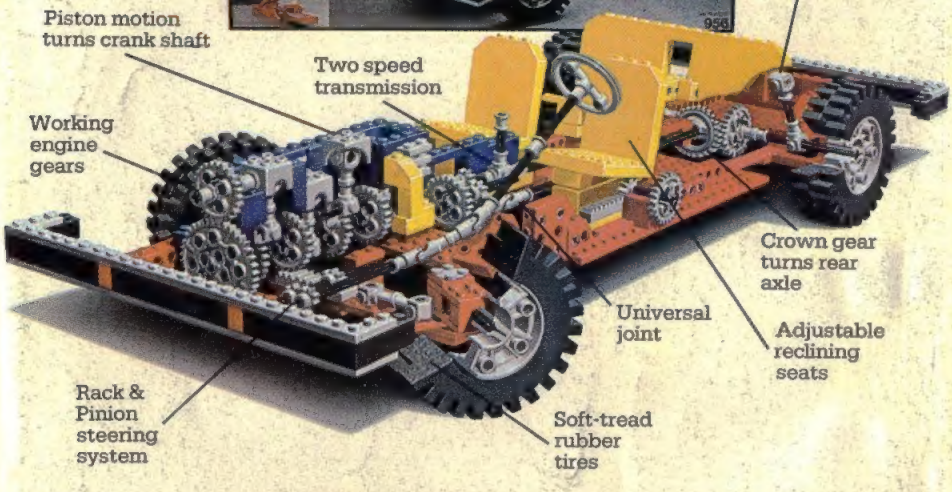


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